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Honorable Paul A. Crotty
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street Room 1350
New York, New York 10007

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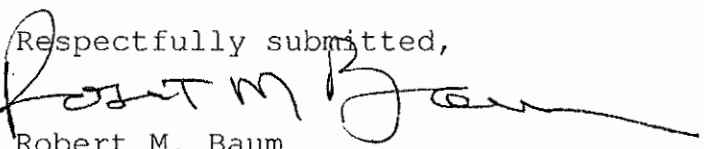
The May 9 sentencing will proceed
remotely via video. SO ORDERED.



**Re: United States v. Robert Russo
21 Cr. 271 (PAC)**

Dear Judge Crotty,

I respectfully write on behalf of my client Robert Russo, to request that his sentencing hearing scheduled for May 9, 2022, be conducted as a remote proceeding. Mr. Russo makes this request because he has a condition called Diabetic Neuropathy which is damage to the nerves in his legs and feet caused by diabetes. Mr. Russo receives medication for this condition. Mr. Russo would like a remote proceeding because it is the policy of Essex County jail where he is held, to transport prisoners in shackles including leg irons. These shackles and leg irons exacerbate the pain from his medical condition and he seeks to avoid this in what would be a lengthy round trip between New Jersey and Manhattan for a court appearance.

Respectfully submitted,

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